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POLTO 1816 and paras 1 and 2 POLTO 1817

1. Department agrees necessity key paragraphs of Western draft reading identically.

2. Firmly opposed to elimination last paragraph Western draft (paragraph 14 in US draft). See substantial advantage to Western negotiating and public relations posture in closing note with present language as modified by UK suggestions agreed TOPOL 2132. On one hand, it makes clear our willingness to discuss German problem, and our belief that Berlin question soluble only in context of solution of German problem. On other hand, language shows readiness to discuss subject in which Soviets have expressed interest, i.e., European security. We consider French exaggerating possibilities for Soviet exploitation of language of paragraph 14, particularly since our willingness to discuss Berlin question is clearly qualified by QUOTE wider framework UNQUOTE language.

3. New

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3. New text for paragraph 6 of French draft takes different tone in treatment of ultimatum question, and does not improve effectiveness carefully-worked-out language for dealing with this question. Department therefore prefers original language.

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